PATENT

Group No.: 3731

Examiner: Jessica R. Baxter

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re prior application of: Thorsten SIESS, et al.

Application No.: 09/890,778

Filed: January 24, 2002

For: A DEVICE FOR INTRAVASCULAR CARDIAC VALVE SURGERY

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. section 1.136(a)

- 1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period for one month in Response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated May 31, 2004.
- 2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
- 3. Applicant is a small entity.
- 4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:

Fee for Small entity:

One month

\$55.00

- 5. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.
- 6. Fee Payment

A combined check is enclosed for the 1 month Extension fee of \$55.00 and RCE fee of \$385.00. Charge Account 21-0800 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

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